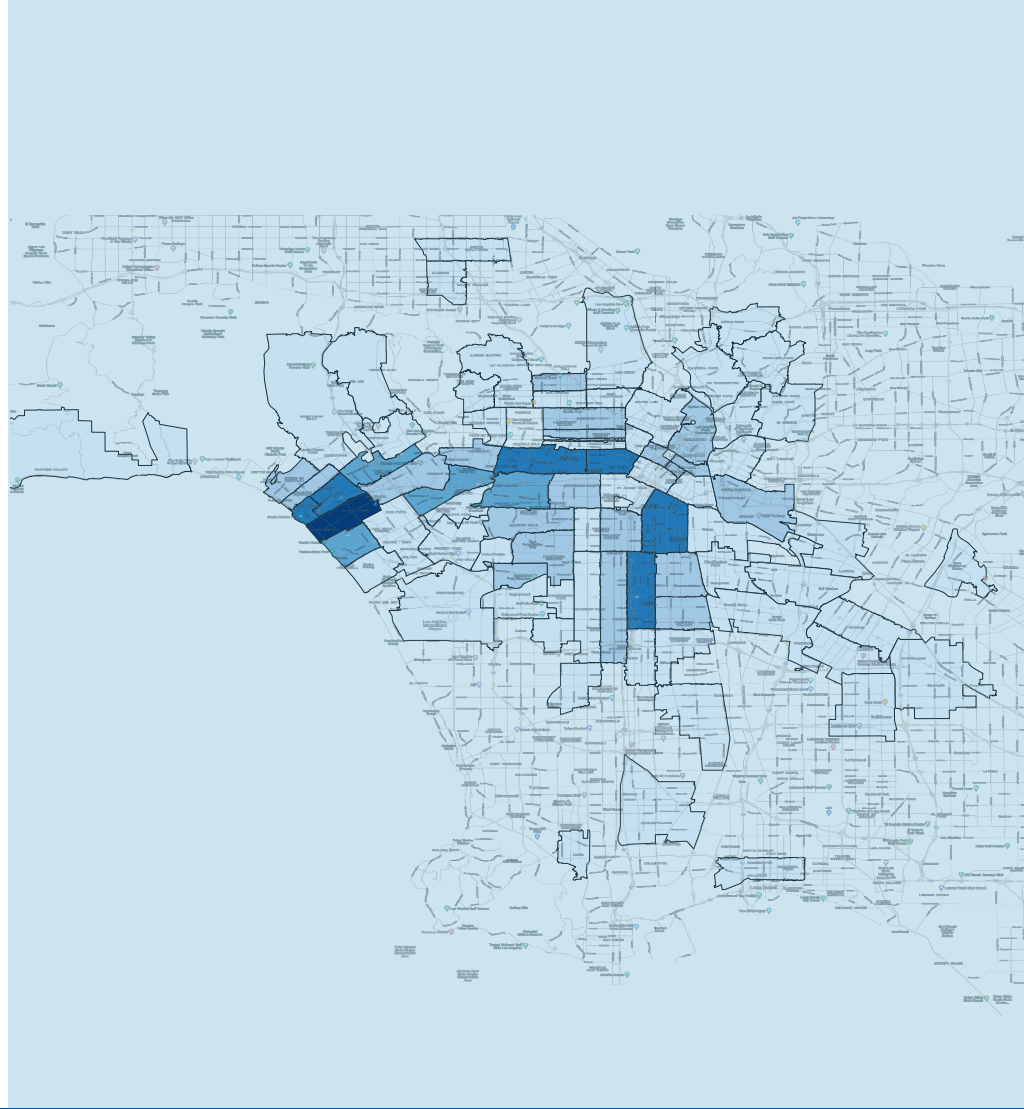


Voter Polarization Analysis

Los Angeles County
Citizens Redistricting
Commission

RFP Presentation

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Redistricting

The goal is to develop maps that are legally defensible and compliant with the intent and spirit of the US Constitution and California Constitution to promote and ensure representative democracy with “one-person, one-vote.”

Background

The Los Angeles County Citizens Redistricting Commission is mandated to redistrict Los Angeles County supervisorial districts by meeting the following criteria:

1. Ensure populations are equal,
2. Avoid diluting votes of racial minorities,
3. Create at least five supervisor districts, and
4. Observe California Elections Code

Objective

Analyze voter patterns and demographic shifts in LA County to inform the redistricting of supervisor districts.

Tasks

1. Analyze Los Angeles County voting results and related data from prior elections;
2. Analyze whether, where, and when there was racially polarized voting in the County;
3. Analyze whether and where there is voter cohesion among communities of interest; and,
4. Present assessment of strength and persistence of racially polarized voting

Voting Rights Act

Section 2 prohibits any practice or procedure (including redistricting) that results in the denial or dilution of minority voting strength.*

Vote dilution analysis is conducted to ensure a proposed redistricting plan does not violate the Voting Rights Act (i.e., dilute strength of minority votes)

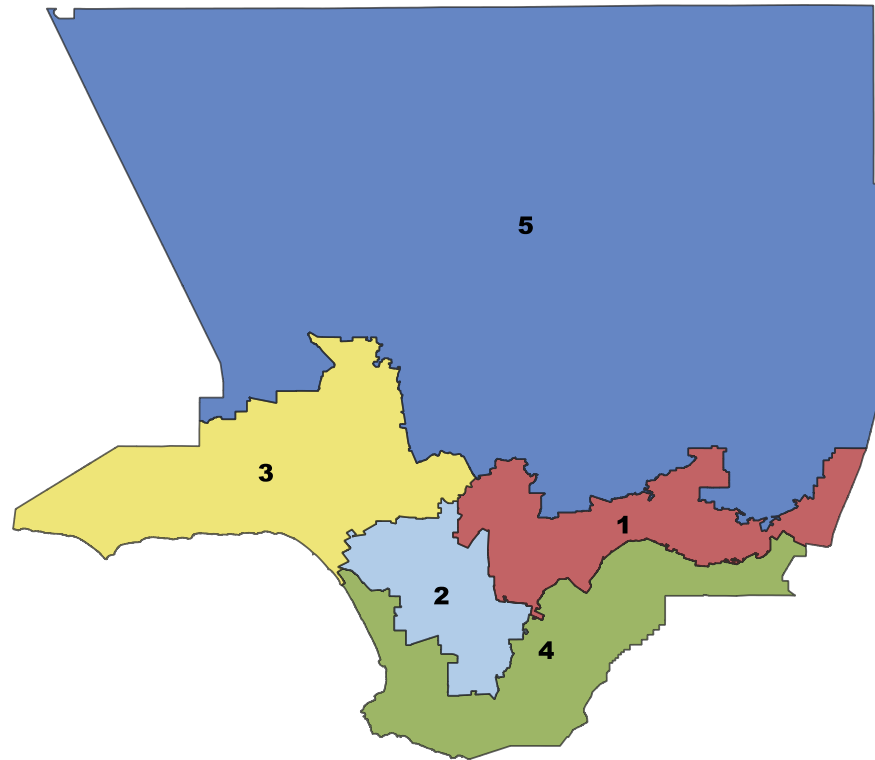
*Thornburg v. Gingles (the first Supreme Court case to interpret the 1982 amendments to the Voting Rights Act incorporating the results test)

Racial Polarization

3 PRONGS OF RACIALLY POLARIZED VOTING*

1. Racial Minority group comprises a majority
2. Voter Cohesion among racial minority group
3. White majority votes as a bloc to defeat racial minority's preferred candidate

Supervisor Districts - 2010



Data Analyzed

1. Race/ethnicity of Voting Age Citizens by Precinct

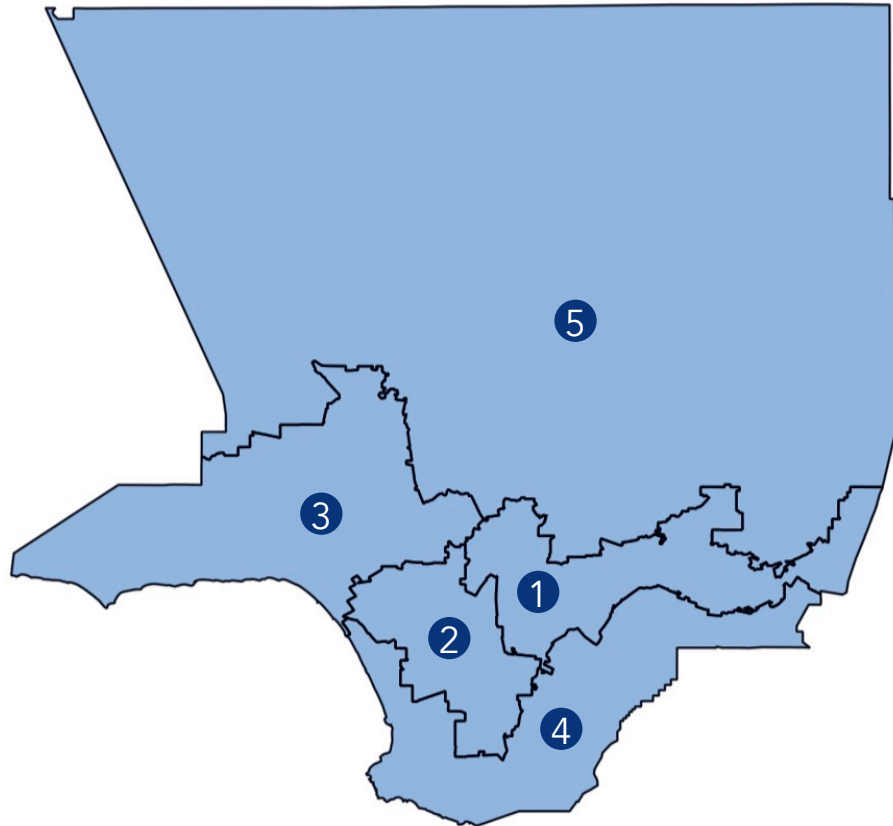
Period: 2019/2020 Census

2. Votes cast by race/ethnicity by Precinct*

Period: 2011 - Present

*Analysis for General and Primary Elections

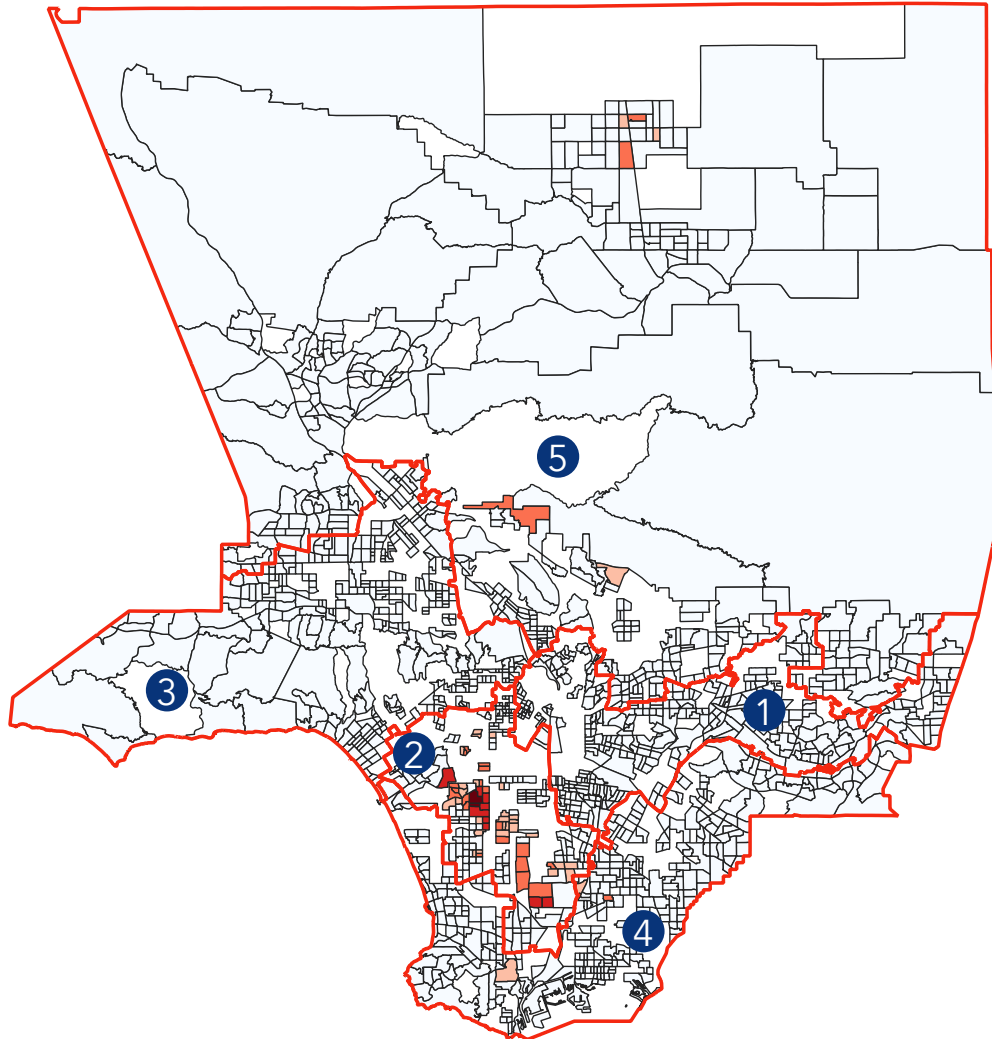
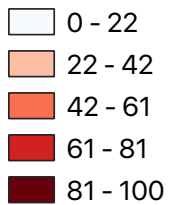
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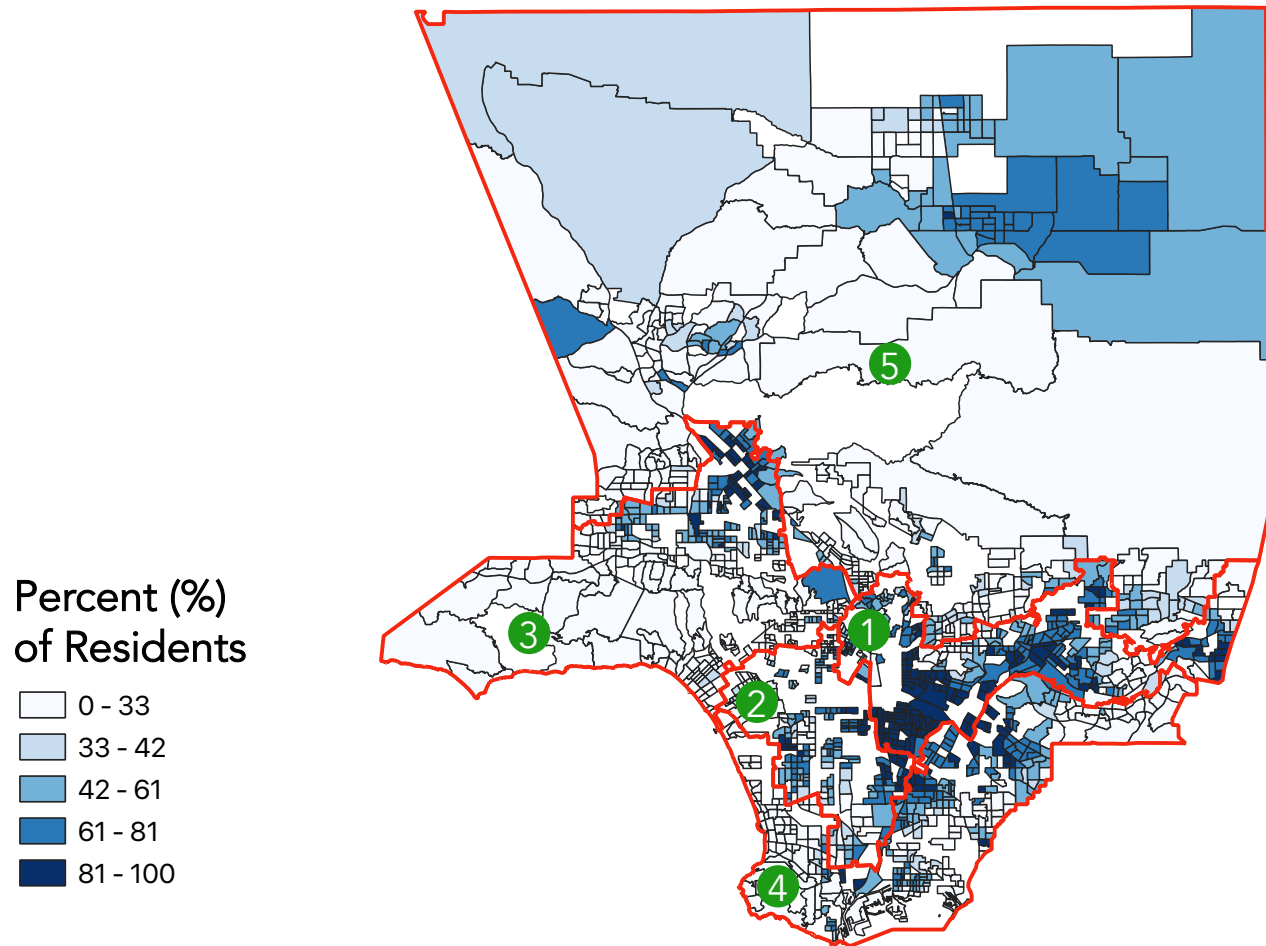
Black Residents – Los Angeles County 2019

Percent (%)
of Residents



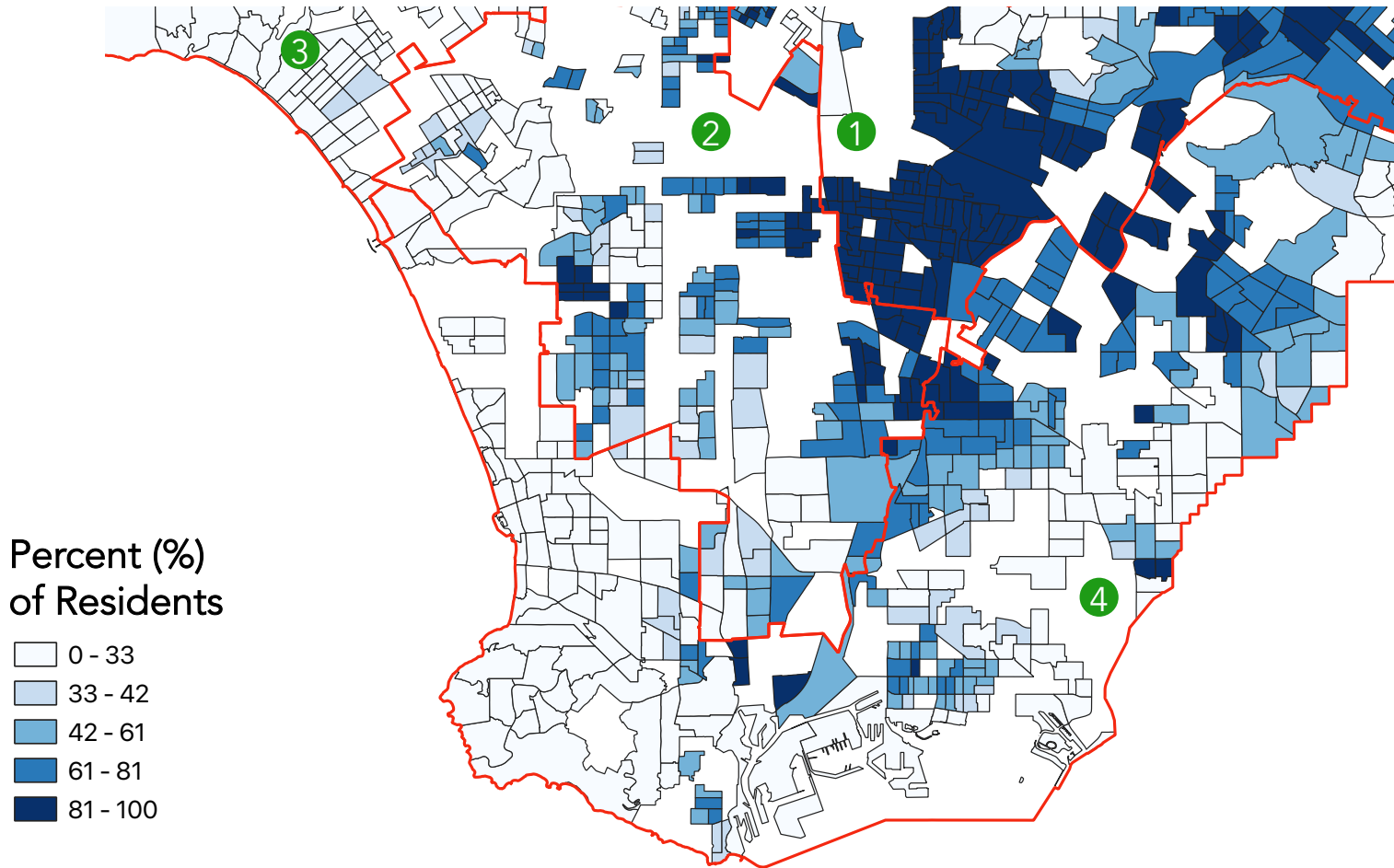
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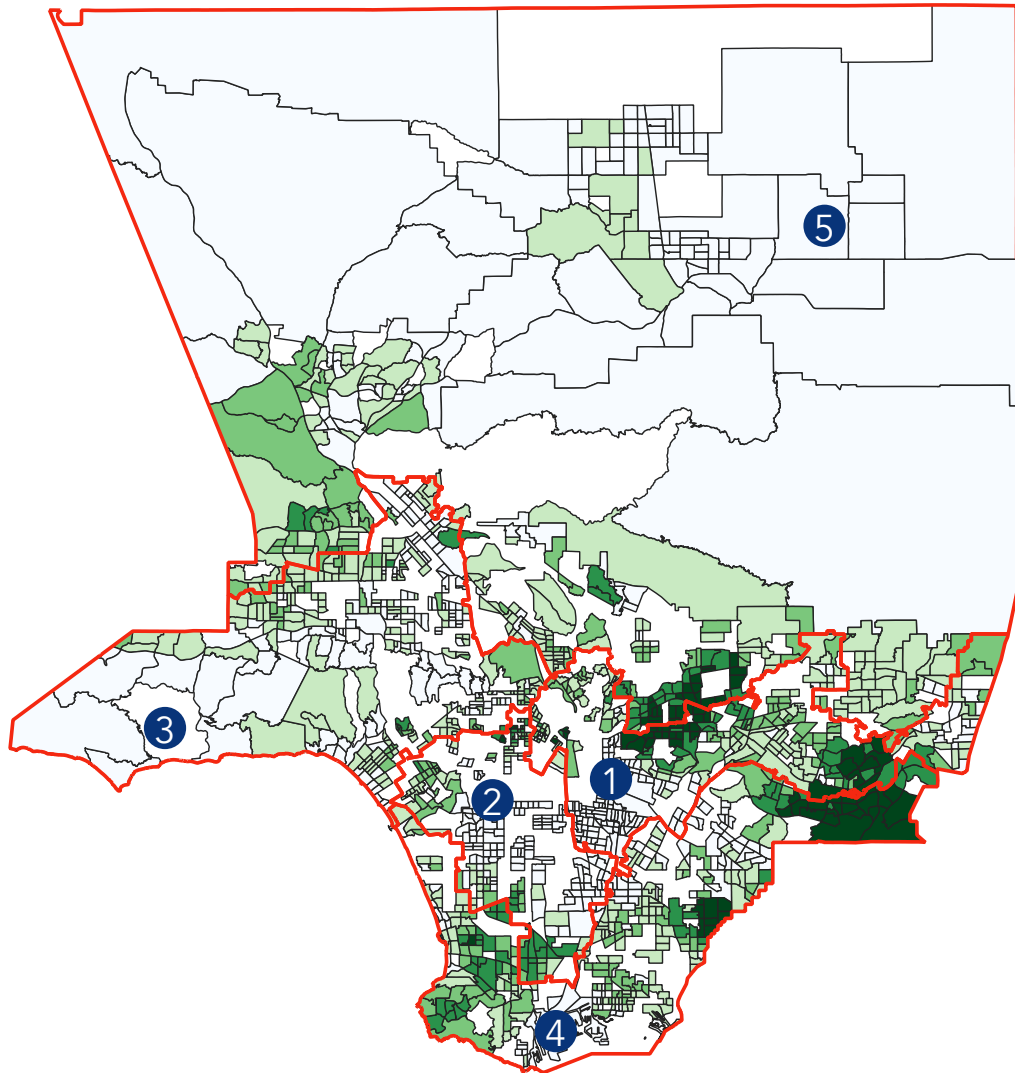
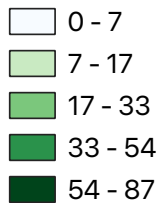
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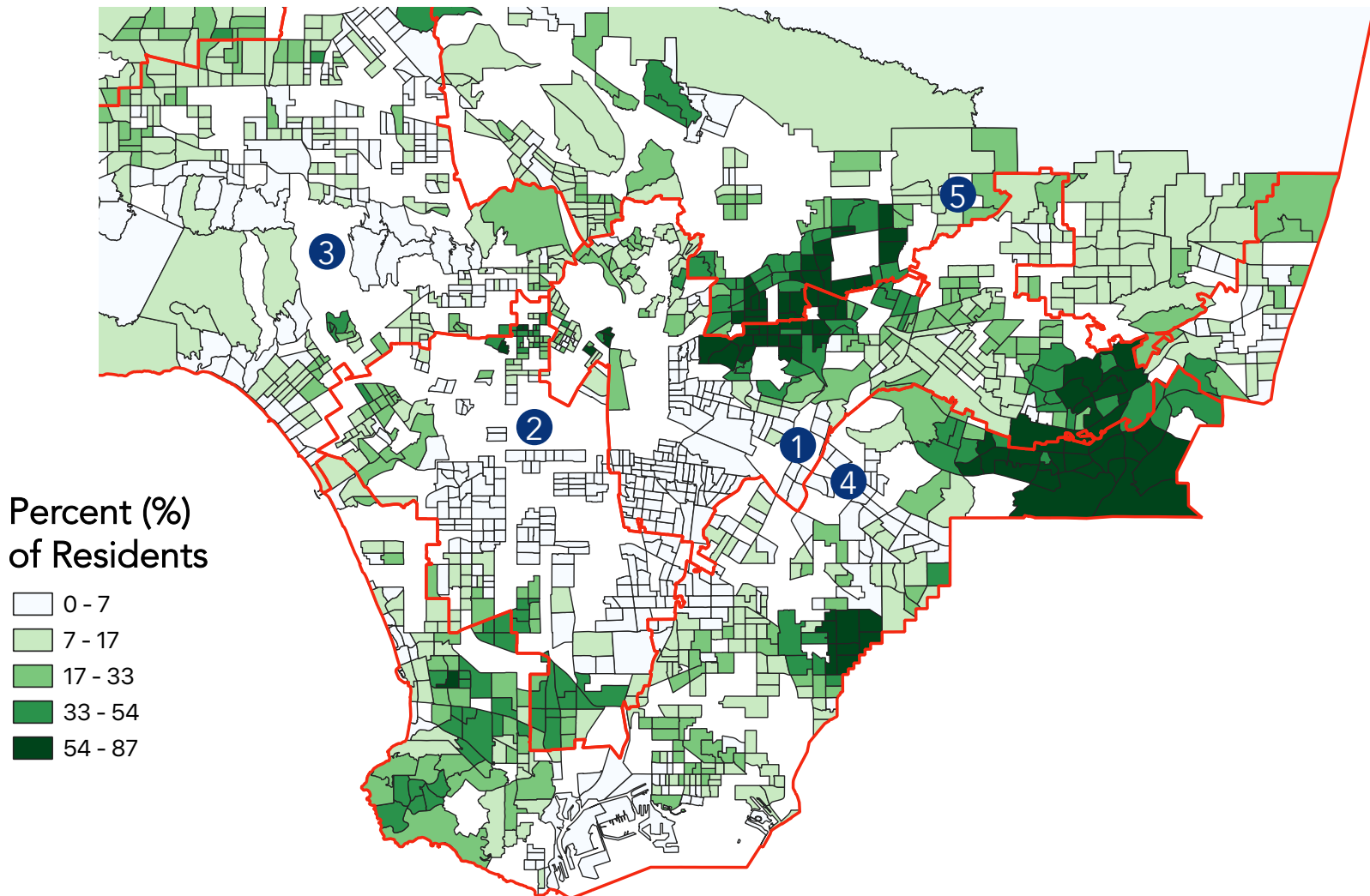
Asian Residents – Los Angeles County 2019

Percent (%)
of Residents



Supervisor Districts - 2010

Asian Residents – Los Angeles County 2019



Approach to Analysis

Prong 1.

Identify precincts within supervisor districts with minority groups sufficiently large and geographically compact to constitute a majority;

Prong 2.

Explore existence of Political Cohesion among precincts identified above;

Prong 3.

Assess frequency that white majority vote defeated minority group's preferred candidate by precinct.

Maroon Society – Local Experience

Local Black Owned Business – Certified SBE, MBE, DBE



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Project Director

Aaron Celious, Ph.D., is Director of Research & Strategy for Maroon Society. Dr. Celious will serve as Project Manager, primary point of contact for the study. Dr. Celious has lead over 60 studies with a focus on public safety, public health, and equity. These include studies in LA County for various municipalities.

Khari Brown, Ph.D., Dr. K. Brown has over 15 years of experience conducting studies on race, religion and politics. This includes factors that drive voting decisions. Dr. Brown's recent book explores racial voter polarization, including the mediating role that exposure to civil rights, human rights, and social equality sermons have on voting intentions and behaviors.

Ronald Brown, Ph.D., developed the National Politics Study, one of the nation's largest surveys of voter attitudes, beliefs, and behaviors. Dr. Brown is a professor of Political Science at Wayne State University, and teaches courses related to redistricting, African-American Politics, Parties and Elections, Public Opinion, and American Politics.

Questions & Answers